उद्योग मंत्री (श्री अजीत सिंह): (क) से (घ) मध्य प्रदेश को मालनपुर, मेघनगर, मेनहेरी, पीतमपुर, मुरेना और पिल्लूखेड़ी में विकास केन्द्रों के लिए 31-3-90 तक 7.50 करोड़ रुपये दिये जा चुके हैं। उपर्युक्त 6 विकास केन्द्रों में से दो विकास केन्द्रों अर्थात् मालनपुर तथा पीतमपुर को पूरी केन्द्रीय सहायता दे दी गयी है और शेष चार योजना के आधीन केन्द्रीय सहायता के पात्र हैं जो की गई प्रगति और निधियों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करती है। 31-3-90 की स्थिति के अनुसार निधि की कमी के कारण 50 लाख रुपये का दावा लम्बित पड़ा है।

भारत सरकार के जून, 1988 में एक नयी विकास केन्द्र योजना की घोषणा की है। नयी विकास केन्द्र योजना की घोषणा से यह निर्णय लिया गया कि पुरानी उद्योग रहित जिला योजना के अंतर्गत किसी अतिरिक्त विकास केन्द्र की स्वीकृति नहीं दी जायेगी।

Sponsoring of Companies to avail of Sales Tax Exemption

288. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Jindal, M/s. Photophone Industries Limited, Goa, M/s. AVM, Madras and M/s. Ruia Group, Bombay have been categorised by Government as large industrial houses;

(b) whether Government are aware that these large industrial houses have sponsored M/s. Indian Thermo Plastics, Ghaziabad, M/s. Bhimtal, Nainital, M/s. India Cine Agencies, Madras, M/s. India Cine Agencies, Pondicherry, M/s. Photosphere Industries Limited, Goa and M/s. A. B. Celeur Private Limited, Goa, as small scale units to import jumbo rolls, as photosensitise goods in backward areas to avail of sales tax exemption; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and whether any action has been initiated against these companies and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Twelve companies registered under the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act belong to the Essar Bulk Carrier Industrial House under the control of S/Shri S. N and R. N. Ruia. Further, M/s. Jindal Strips Ltd. has been advised by the Department of Company Affairs to register under the said Act. The other two companies do not belong to any large industrial house.

(b) *There is no information regarding* interconnection of these units with any large industrial house.

(c) Does not arise.

Appointment of the present Managing Director of the Bharat Wagons and Engineering Company Ltd, Patna

289. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Managing Director of the Bharat Wagons and Engineering Company Ltd, Patna as earlier involved in a number of irregularities and corruption charges;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons for appointing him to such a high post;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the performance of the company, which was a profit earning concern, started deteriorating after the appointment of present Managing Director resulting in heavy losses to the tune of Rs. 36 lakhs in 1989-90;

(d) whether, in view of the circumstances, Government propose to enquire into the whole matter; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?